

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1-21. (Cancelled).

22. (Previously presented) An isolated polypeptide having at least 98% amino acid sequence identity to:

- (a) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:61;
- (b) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:61, lacking its associated signal peptide;
- (c) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 203971; and
wherein said isolated polypeptide has the ability to induce mesangial cell proliferation or to induce fetal hemoglobin.

23-25 (Cancelled)

26. (Previously presented) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 22 having at least 99% amino acid sequence identity to:

- (a) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:61;
- (b) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:61, lacking its associated signal peptide;
- (c) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 203971; and
wherein said isolated polypeptide has the ability to induce mesangial cell proliferation or to induce fetal hemoglobin.

27. (Previously presented) An isolated polypeptide comprising:

- (a) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:61;
- (b) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:61, lacking its associated signal peptide;
- (c) the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 203971.

28. (Previously presented) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 27 comprising the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:61.

29. (Previously presented) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 27 comprising the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:61, lacking its associated signal peptide.

30-31 (Cancelled)

32. (Previously presented) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 27 comprising the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 203971.

33. (Previously presented) A chimeric polypeptide comprising a polypeptide according to Claim 22 fused to a heterologous polypeptide.

34. (Previously presented) The chimeric polypeptide of Claim 33, wherein said heterologous polypeptide is a tag polypeptide or an Fc region of an immunoglobulin.

35. (Previously presented) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 22 having at least 98% amino acid sequence identity to the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:61.

36. (Previously presented) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 22 having at least 98% amino acid sequence identity to the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:61, lacking its associated signal peptide.

37. (Previously presented) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 22 having at least 98% amino acid sequence identity to the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 203971.

38. (Previously presented) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 26 having at least 99% amino acid sequence identity to the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:61.

39. (Previously presented) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 26 having at least 99% amino acid sequence identity to the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:61, lacking its associated signal peptide.

40. (Previously presented) The isolated polypeptide of Claim 26 having at least 99% amino acid sequence identity to the amino acid sequence of the polypeptide encoded by the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 203971.

41. (Previously presented) A chimeric polypeptide comprising a polypeptide according to Claim 26 fused to a heterologous polypeptide.

42. (Previously presented) The chimeric polypeptide of Claim 41, wherein said heterologous polypeptide is a tag polypeptide or an Fc region of an immunoglobulin.

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43. (Previously presented) A chimeric polypeptide comprising a polypeptide according to Claim 27 fused to a heterologous polypeptide.

44. (Previously presented) The chimeric polypeptide of Claim 43, wherein said heterologous polypeptide is a tag polypeptide or an Fc region of an immunoglobulin.